

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting at Line 14 on page 7 as follows:

In other embodiments of the present invention, ROM unit 18 may be formed as part of microcontroller 20. Furthermore, both first storage unit 16 and second storage unit 22 may be one of a number of mass storage devices, including hard drives, floppy disks, or removable flash memory devices, such as the ThumbDriveTM portable flash memory device manufactured by Trek 2000. In addition, the two storage units may be utilized in one physical structure to form a single mass storage device. The mass storage device may also be placed with microcontroller 20 to form a single chip.

Please amend the paragraph starting at Line 17 on page 11 as follows:

Take for example a storage unit with physical addresses ranging from 000 to 1000, if only physical addresses 000 to 500 are declared to an operating system (OS) such as the WindowsTM operating system, on host 154, the OS will not be aware of the presence of physical addresses 501 to 1000. Under such circumstances, data stored within physical addresses 000 to 500 will be accessible to any user. This area is known as a public storage area. Conversely, the undeclared physical addresses 501 to 1000 form a private storage area since these addresses are only be available to microcontroller 158 and can only be accessed by an authorized user or software program.